IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH Shigeyuki YORIGAMI et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows: